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Sir:

In the Office Action of November 16, 2005, election was required between the claims of Groups I and II.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II for examination in this application. As noted in the Office Action, the claims of Group II comprise claims 3 through 20.

Advancement of this application to substantive examination of the claims of Group II is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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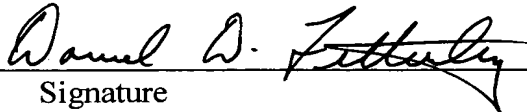
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